

REMARKS

The objections under 35 U.S.C. §112 have been addressed by replacing in claims 18 and 21 the word “parallelly” with –parallel—and the word “platform” with the words –transmission structure--.

Regarding the rejection of claim 18 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b), please consider the following remarks.

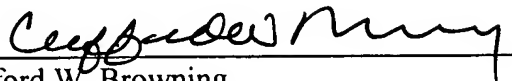
The Examiner seems to take into consideration a particular functioning mode of the device of Wiegand in which the two carriages 6b and 6c would remain fixed, while carriage 6f would move on guiding track 7c, the other carriages remaining free from movement. According to this functioning variant, platform 1 would pivot about an axis defined by the joints 3b and 3c. The carriage 6f could then be considered as a kind of auxiliary carriage. However, in this case, the pivoting axis of the platform would be oriented in the direction of the tracks 7a and 7c, while in the device of the present invention, the pivoting axis of the platform is perpendicular to said tracks, which is an essential condition to fulfil the condition of angular stiffness tracking referred to throughout the specification.

Claim 18 has now been amended to better define this feature.

With the Wiegand device, if one wishes to have platform 1 pivot around an axis perpendicular to the moving direction according to tracks 7a to 7c, it would be necessary to move at least five of the six carriages according to different programs. Indeed, as previously argued, in the Wiegand device functions of the carriages and of the legs are not differentiated and the Wiegand device does not include a support and drive structure for moving the terminal element, comprising an auxiliary structure specifically arranged to impart a pivoting movement to the terminal element, as is the case of the present invention.

For these foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in light of the claim amendments set forth above.

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